

Difference between Inca Trail and Salkantay trek

There are different ways to get to the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu, there is the traditional and popular Inca trail and the lesser known but spectacular Salkantay trek Machu Picchu, but what is the difference between the two?

Both routes are very adventurous and offer you unforgettable experiences showing you incredible landscapes that will take you to your desired destination which is the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu.

Inca trail

Travel the classic Inca Trail to Machu Picchu and experience this famous route for 4 incredible days, which includes impressive landscapes, varied climates and many archaeological centers that you can visit during your journey and finally you can pass through the Puerta del Sol at dawn to have the first magical vision of Machu Picchu.

This route is highly visited so you must make a reservation well in advance and consider that the places are limited, as well as consider a guide since it is a mandatory requirement and during the month of February the route is closed for maintenance.

Salkantay trek Machu Picchu

This impressive trek passes under the magnificent Salkantay mountain, it is perfect for adventurers who seek to experience the visit to beautiful ever-changing landscapes of Peru.

Each day you will travel through magical landscapes and snowy mountains towards a tropical paradise. Along the way you will see a great variety of wildlife, medicinal plants and varieties of flowers.

You will be able to be part of the living and ancient culture in the remote villages hardly visited by foreigners crossing the famous Salkantay snow-capped mountain at almost 4600 meters high.

There are two options to do Salkantay trek Machu Picchu.

Salkantay trek Machu Picchu

Salkantay trek to Machu Picchu 5 days

Which to choose?

In short, to choose one of these splendid options you just have to take into account what type of adventure you want to do since both have their well-deserved attraction in flora, fauna and landscapes through the Andes mountain range.

If you want to have a more historical experience, the Inca trail is for you because it includes many archaeological centers throughout the tour, while if you are looking for an adventure connected to nature, the Salkantay trek to Machu Picchu 5 days is your best option, and you do not require any permission to access to this trek.